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what you have already accomplished
you will never grow!

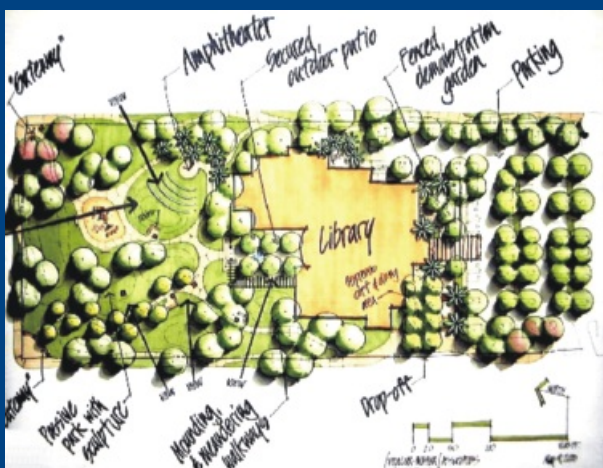
— Ronald Olson

Parks & Library

To provide and enhance the high level of leisure, information and other human services available to Burbank citizens.



The new Buena Vista Library will be approximately 28,200 square feet in size. The facility will include a 200 seat auditorium with cable television broadcasting capability, a children's library with storytelling room, a young adult library and adult library containing reference, audio/visual, fiction and non-fiction collections, study rooms, complete staff facilities, a "Friends" bookstore, state-of-the-art data wiring for 38 computer internet connections for public use, and parking facilities for 153 vehicles.



1. Initiate the planning process for a new Central Library.
2. Construct a new Buena Vista Branch Library.
3. Implement public access to the Internet at all three City libraries.
4. Become a center for lifelong learning, education, literacy, personal growth and enjoyment by achieving the following:
 - ▶ Expanding the Literacy program to include ESL and workplace literacy
 - ▶ Diversifying senior programs to target for special and changing needs
 - ▶ Developing career transition resources and programs
 - ▶ Developing and expanding access to media-related resources to support the City's role as the "Media Capital of the World"
 - ▶ Expanding Children's programming in house, in classrooms, in shelters, on cable, and through the Library's Web site on the Internet
5. Expand Northwest Library to include space for commonly identified library services (i.e. Audio/Visual) and a children's storytelling area (to house 100) or little theatre, a new community room and adult/young adult reading and technology areas.

6. Provide access to 24-hour reference service to the community, utilizing the services of the Arroyo Seco Network of the Library of California when advantageous.
7. Maximize access to the resources of the state by fully participating in the Arroyo Seco Network of the Library of California.
8. Work closely with the School District to determine cooperative ways in which the City's student age population can be best served, utilizing the advantages of the Arroyo Seco Network of the Library of California when feasible.
9. Develop an attractive and functional Burbank Public Library Web site with useful hot links, available for access by the entire community.
10. Become information nexus of community through the following: Community database development and access through Library's Web site; direct patron access to E-books; access to local, state, national, international resources; and distance-learning.
11. Prioritize collection review and development at all three Burbank Library sites.
12. Develop a maintenance plan and identify non-general fund monies or revenue sources to support City-owned performing and fine arts venues, including the Burbank Center Stage (home of the Colony Theatre), the Little Theatre, the Starlight Bowl, and the Creative Arts Center and Gallery.



The new SIRSI automated on-line circulation system, along with making the Internet available at Burbank's libraries, exemplifies the City's commitment to providing current technology to its citizens.

Along with continuing to make available a multitude of resources for individuals, Burbank's libraries seek to expand all facets of children's programming.





With a tennis center, roller hockey rink, well-maintained parks (above) and the Stough Canyon Nature Center (below), Burbank provides an array of recreational opportunities for its residents. Identifying sites for recreation and recreationists will be a City goal for the next decade.



13. Support the Colony Theatre in its transition from a 99-seat theatre to a 276-seat theatre.

14. Identify all potential sites of open space within the City and evaluate their potential use relative to meeting existing recreational needs.

- ▶ Five soccer fields
- ▶ One off-leash areas for dogs
- ▶ One area for BMX riders
- ▶ One sand volleyball court
- ▶ Two skateboard facilities
- ▶ One roller hockey rink

This process will also encompass looking at areas of potential land acquisition (i.e. National Guard Armory) to re-use as recreation facilities.

15. Identify, purchase and develop an additional 5-7 acres of parkland in the South San Fernando area.

Located in the Verdugo Hills above the DeBell Golf Course, the Stough Canyon Nature Center features educational displays on the area's native flora and fauna and provides trailhead access to the Rim of the Valley Trail system. The City is seeking funding for the development of an overnight campground in the Verdugo Mountains.

16. Identify joint projects and land acquisitions with the cities of Glendale and Los Angeles for the purpose of meeting community recreation needs.
17. Re-new efforts to develop more park facilities on school sites with a priority given to McKinley and Washington Elementary Schools.
18. Develop options and identify costs with providing a year-round aquatic program. This process would include exploring the option of maintaining one pool operational on a year-round basis.
19. Acquire more property adjacent to or near Robert Gross Park to address the parking deficiency that exists.
20. Complete a master plan for the continued maintenance and future renovation of the City's park facilities including identifying how the park maintenance funds will be utilized over the course of the next ten years. Incorporate all park facilities, including any projected renovations to swimming pools, gymnasiums, theaters and centers, in the master plan.
21. Complete master plan identifying landscape maintenance responsibilities.



The City will concentrate its efforts to revitalize its South San Fernando area. Recognizing that the area is under-served by park acreage, the City will begin planning a 5-7 acre park (above) in South San Fernando featuring a youth recreation center, soccer field and skateboard park. The City is also committed to moving forward with the redevelopment of vacant industrial land in South San Fernando, starting with the old Menasco and ITT sites.



The Colony Theatre (right) will be an added attraction to Downtown. This 99-seat theater is one of the oldest and most successful theatre companies in the Los Angeles area.



Both the 18-Hole DeBell golf course and the DeBell Par 3 course will undergo a variety of improvements over the next decade, including several tee and green enhancements. Located atop the City, the 18-hole municipal golf course will continue to serve as a challenge to golfers while providing spectacular views of Burbank.

22. Complete Master Plan of DeBell Golf Course, including:

- ▶ Improving the Driving Range
- ▶ Management of Facilities
- ▶ Clubhouse Renovation

23. Seek expanding Pacific Park to increase recreation facilities.



The Verdugo Mountains serve as a major open space island surrounded by Burbank, Glendale, and Los Angeles. The City's intention during the next decade is to develop hiking, bike, and horse trails with day and overnight camping facilities.

24. Develop a facility "master plan" for the Starlight Bowl to include the future renovation or replacement of seating, parking areas, restroom facilities, picnic areas, performance and storage spaces.

25. Improve directional signage and accessibility in the Verdugo Mountain hiking trails.

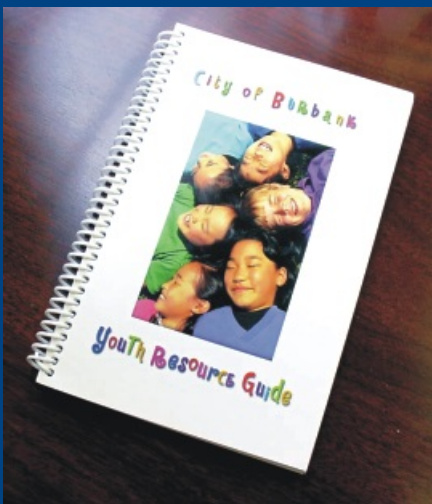
26. Complete the construction of a 2.5 acre passive neighborhood park



With all the different transportation services the City now operates, the City will be committed to evaluating these services and looking at ways to provide the most effective and cost-efficient services to its residents over the next decade. Electric shuttles, as the one shown here, now serve the City's Media District and carry over 700 riders each week day from the Regional Intermodal Transportation Center (RITC) to business sites throughout the Media District. On the environmental front, known as zero-emission vehicles, these shuttles are contributing to the reduction of both air and noise pollution, removing up to 2,857 pounds of pollution annually.

located just south of the proposed Buena Vista library site with rolling topography and extensive tree planting, a small tot lot, a small amphitheater, meandering sidewalks, benches and public art.

27. Seek funding for the development of an overnight campground in the Verdugo Mountains.
28. Continue to participate in the Master Plan of the Los Angeles River with the intent to bring more recreational opportunities to Burbank and the surrounding area.
29. Complete assessment of all transportation services in order to provide more efficient and effective use of the City's transportation resources.
30. In cooperation with the Burbank Unified School District (BUSD), expand existing conflict-



Providing opportunities for Burbank Youth is an important objective over the next decade. The City's Youth Resource Guide is an attempt to develop a comprehensive directory of youth-related programs, activities and services. The Resource Guide provides information regarding the wide variety of opportunities offered for youth in the Burbank community which includes employment programs, youth transportation and recreational activities.

resolution programs and curriculum along with seeking grant funding for additional programs that target a broader section of the community.



With a growing population of senior citizens as more and more “baby boomers” age, senior facilities, programs and services (i.e. Joslyn, B.T.S., Meals on Wheels, etc.) will also grow in demand.



31. Renegotiate terms of the Joint Use Agreement between the Burbank Unified School District (BUSD) and the City to establish formal policies and procedures. This will be especially critical in the next five to six years as both high schools are rebuilt and as BUSD and the City continue to pursue joint ventures that include Miller School Park, Providencia, reconstruction of the tennis courts at Luther Middle School and track lighting at Burbank High School.

32. Coordinate with local family-oriented entertainment/recreation businesses in an effort to leverage private-sector resources and better serve Burbank middle and high school youth.

33. Working closely with Burbank youth, plan and implement a Youth Solution Summit as a follow-up to the 2001 Youth Summit.

34. Conduct regular Youth Summit events every 5 years to receive input from the youth of Burbank on all youth-related matters, such as youth employment and youth transportation.

35. Enhance after-school programs for youth (primarily middle school) with enrichment programs offered on site.

36. Continue to support school age programs and the utilization of community facilities to meet child care needs.
37. Complete an assessment of the child/infant care offerings available throughout the community, evaluate their effectiveness, and develop new child and infant care facilities to accommodate the growing demand of employees and residents working within all facets of the community.
38. Working with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, aggressively pursue funding and program sponsors for counseling and treatment programs for disabled individuals (both youth and adult) in the community.
39. Support job-training programs for the physically and mentally disabled.
40. Conduct a senior facility and program needs assessment in anticipation of the increased service demand caused by the “baby boomer” effect.
41. Identify and seek increased funding for the inevitable increased demand of senior facilities, programs and services.
42. Seek funding to develop a home-delivered meal program for disabled individuals under the age of 60.



The City is committed to meeting the needs and providing recreational opportunities for Burbank's youth. For instance, the successful Burbank Employment & Student Training Program (BEST) provides paid internships for Burbank youth in the private sector, non-profit agencies and the City of Burbank.